

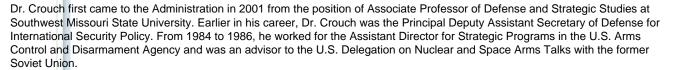
## Biography of Dr. J. D. Crouch II, Assistant to the President and Deputy National Security Advisor

On January 31, 2005, President George W. Bush named Dr. J.D. Crouch II as Assistant to the President and Deputy National Security Advisor. Dr. Crouch announced his departure from the White House on May 4, 2007.

Dr. Crouch previously served as the U.S. Ambassador to Romania where he worked to expand democracy in the region, increase cooperation between the United States and Romania in the global war on terror, and foster Romania's incorporation into Western security institutions including NATO and the European Union.

Prior to becoming Ambassador to Romania, Dr. Crouch served as Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Policy from August 2001 through October 2003. He was the principal advisor to the Secretary of Defense on the formulation and coordination of policy for NATO, Europe, Russia, the Central Asian Republics, the Caucasus and the Balkans, purples forces, missile defense, technology security policy.

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